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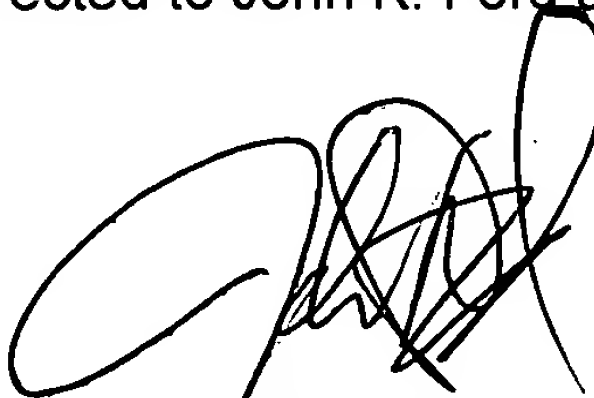
Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The reply filed on June 13, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): it does not list which, if any, of newly added claims 25-29 are readable on the elected species. See the office action mailed December 7, 2001 (Paper No. 5, page 3, lines 7-8: "If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP 809.02(a)."

Applicant is also put on notice that the examiner intends to hold claims 28 and 29 as withdrawn in the next office action. Applicant clearly elected apparatus claims to be examined in this application, not method of use claims. See office action dated July 2, 2004 and response dated August 2, 2004.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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